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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois are pleased to congratulate Steven K. Hartman as he retires as director of the Skokie Park District; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hartman graduated from Indiana State University in Terre Haute, Indiana, with a Bachelor of Science in recreation and parks administration in 1970; he served as the program director for the Wiconico County Recreation Commission in Salisbury, Maryland, from 1970 to 1972; from 1972 to 1993, he was director of the Lisle Park District, where he managed a multi-million dollar budget; and

WHEREAS, In 1993, Mr. Hartman became director of the Skokie Park District; during his tenure, many parks were renovated and maintenance storage was expanded; with the momentum created by a redevelopment program, the district, along with the assistance of a Citizens Advisory Committee held public hearings and neighborhood forums specifically targeted to the redevelopment of the indoor community centers and outdoor pools; in 1995, the Weber Leisure Center opened, including a gym, fitness center, running track, numerous multi-purpose programming rooms, and the administrative headquarters of the district; and

WHEREAS, Under the leadership of Mr. Hartman, the district opened several new facilities, including the Devonshire Aquatic Center, a new day care center, an artificial outdoor ice rink, a teen center called "The Spot", Sports Park, and the Thomas J. Dammrich Rowing Center; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hartman is a member of several professional organizations, including the National Recreation and Park Association, where he served on the Board of Trustees from 1997 to 2004; the Great Lakes Regional Council, where he was

1 chairman in 1992; the Illinois Park and Recreation Association;
2 the Suburban Park and Recreation Association; the Midwest Park
3 Institute; and the Park District Risk Management Association
4 Board of Directors, where he served as chairman in 1988 and
5 1989; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Hartman has been recognized for his efforts in
7 the park district arena; in 1978, he was in Who's Who -
8 Outstanding Young Men in America; he was a recipient of the
9 President's Award from the Illinois Park and Recreation
10 Association in 1985; he received a Meritorious Service Award
11 from the Illinois Park and Recreation Association in 1992; he
12 was chosen to receive the Great Lakes Regional Council Service
13 Award from the National Recreation and Park Association in
14 1992; and he received the Fellow Award from the Illinois Park
15 and Recreation Association in 1993; and

16 WHEREAS, In 1995, and 1996, the Skokie Park District was
17 recognized by the National Parks and Recreation Association
18 (NRPA) as a finalist for the Gold Medal Award; in 1996, the
19 district received the Distinguished Park and Recreation Agency
20 Certification from the Joint Illinois Parks and Recreation
21 Association and Illinois Association of Park Districts
22 accreditation committee; in 1997, the district won the Gold
23 Medal Award for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management;
24 therefore, be it

25 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
26 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
27 congratulate Steven K. Hartman as he retires as director of the
28 Skokie Park District; and be it further

29 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
30 presented to Steven K. Hartman as an expression of our respect
31 and esteem.